TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MANAGER SEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

Mayor David Futcher called the Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Karnofski, McDaniel, Myers, Slater, and Roberson. Councilmember Malella was absent the entire meeting.

Mayor Futcher asked Councilmembers to discuss whether or not they would like to hire an outside firm to conduct the search process for a new City Manager. City Manager/Attorney Paul Brachvogel's resignation is effective October 24. Lengthy discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to hire a professional firm.

MOTION ITEMS:

City Manager Position

Proposals for Councilmembers to consider were received from Prothman and Waldron & Company. Council and staff discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Hire Prothman to conduct the search for a new City Manager,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Interim City Manager Position

Discussion followed concerning whether or not to hire a search firm to fill the interim City Manager position. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Hire Prothman to conduct the search for the interim City Manager.' Councilmembers Karnofski, McDaniel, Myers, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Mayor Futcher suggested appointing a group to act as liaisons with Prothman to discuss how to proceed. City Manager Brachvogel and Councilmember Myers volunteered to meet with Greg Prothman. Mayor Futcher indicated he would like to go if it works out with his schedule.

Mayor Futcher read a list of some of the qualifications the subcommittee suggested they would like to have in a City Manager. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Manager position filled by the beginning of 2009, if possible.

City Manager Brachvogel said, since the City is required to have the preliminary budget completed by November 1st, the interim City Manager would not have to take on this burden.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK